

Lakewood Lookout

Welcome, New Residents



Welcome to

Ruth & Don Smith

Ruth and Don joined the Lakewood community in September. Ruth is a long time resident of the Peninsula having lived in Dyers Bay and Lion's Head, Ferndale and more recently since marrying Don in 1997 in Tobermory and Pike Bay.

Don moved to the Peninsula from Mississauga where he had been an insurance and private investigator. He had also been a lay minister previous to moving to the Peninsula and served as Designated Lay Minister at the United Church in Tobermory.

Both Ruth and Don are active in church work and the Stokes Bay Schoolhouse Seniors. In addition to bowling every Wednesday in Owen Sound these busy folks sing in the Spirit Singers, the Cantata Choir and act in the Peninsula Players. They are both avid readers and enjoy hiking the trails with their dog Charlie. They tell us they are looking forward to a plot in next year's garden too.

A warm Lakewood welcome to our new residents.

Submitted by Joan McIlraith



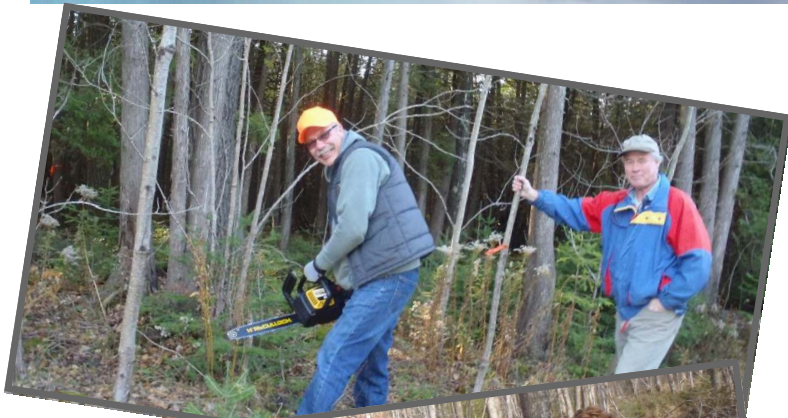
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Saturday, December 3, 2011

6:00 pm at the home of
John & Pat Nichol
78 Lakewood



* New Trail *

Many thanks to Don McIlraith for his initiative and trailblazing skills in establishing a new trail network on the eastern side of Lakewood. Many people enthusiastically pitched in over the course of a couple weeks, trimming brush, flagging trees, and raking. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Trail access:

* **Hemlock Trail** is accessed from Lakewood Country Lane, approximately 25 metres from the West Road corner on your right as you exit Lakewood.

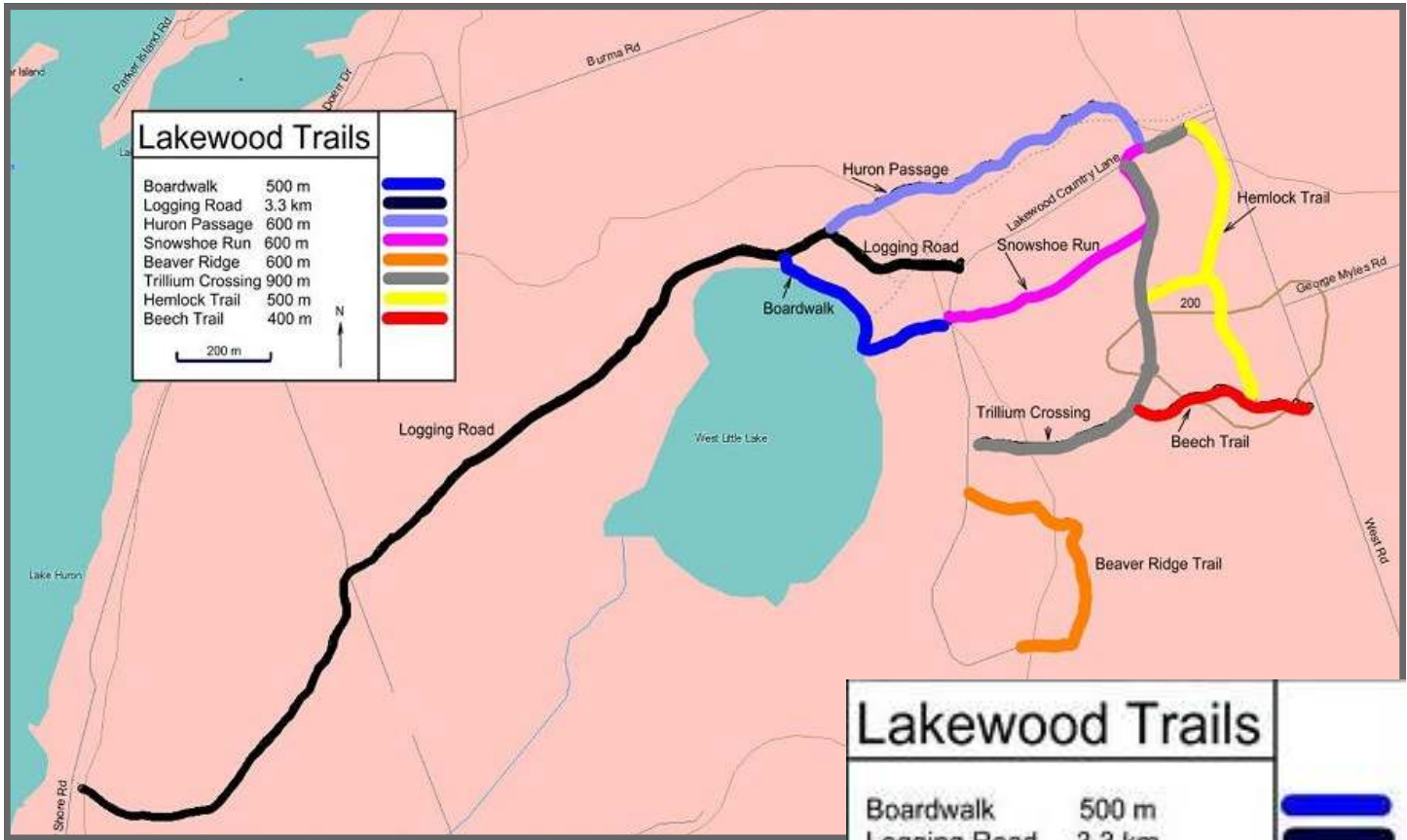
* It may also be accessed by starting on Beech Trail (newly named), which is a former roadway that goes from Trillium Crossing out to West Road. This is approx. 100 meters past Vargas' driveway.

* There is also a midway access point approximately 175 metres from where Snowshoe Trail turns into the forest off Trillium Crossing.

The access points and trail are flagged with orange tape. We will be making more permanent signs, probably by spring.

Be aware that Hemlock is a more rugged trail than the others in Lakewood, with the terrain featuring many rocks, holes, and stumps. Be sure to wear sturdy footwear when you walk this trail! Further, as this new trail is not as "well trodden" as our other Lakewood trails, pay close attention to the orange flags as you walk so you do not become disoriented.

Lakewood Trail System Map



Lakewood Trails

Boardwalk	500 m
Logging Road	3.3 km
Huron Passage	600 m
Snowshoe Run	600 m
Beaver Ridge	600 m
Trillium Crossing	900 m
Hemlock Trail	500 m
Beech Trail	400 m



Septic Rates

As you plan your family budgets for 2012, remember that our septic rates are going up. The new rates are \$637 per year. The municipality will be sending out information, probably in the spring, that will confirm the new rates and describe payment options.

Social Activities

Getting out or getting together is always a treat, especially during our long winter months. If you have an idea for an event or activity to do with your neighbours, go for it! It doesn't need to be big, either - often the most successful occasions are simple and spontaneous. If you need help communicating or organizing, contact any of the board members.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thanks to the 12 hardy volunteers who braved the miserable weather on October 19 to collect garbage along County Rd. 9 and West Road.

We managed to finish in 90 minutes and before the monsoons came - also in time to dry out and warm up with coffee and muffins at John & Pat's. Watch for announcements for the spring cleanup!

First Year-round Lakewood Residents

John & Ann Thomas,

125 Lakewood Country Lane

We bought our lot on the American Thanksgiving weekend, November of 1995. Amy Wilkes was the first to buy a lot but we were the first to build. That happened in the Fall of 1996. We moved in around December 11, 1996 and my husband John, lived in Lakewood all by himself that winter until Amy, had her house built in the Spring of 1997.

The day we moved in was one of the worst snow storms in years. It was truly miserable and over-cast when we left Ohio and not bad at the Sarnia border. We got held up somewhat at the border but were finally on our way by about noon. The snow got deeper and deeper the further north we travelled. We got to Tiverton and Hwy. 21 was shut down for about one and a half hours. We had three vehicles. The moving van with my husband John and his brother driving. I followed in our Pontiac and my son Mark and his wife Darleen were in the third car.

We stopped at an all purpose store in Tiverton where we were able to get coffee and waited. My daughter-in-law got out of her car and said "don't you ever expect me to come up here in the winter". Needless to say, they never came up again except for John's funeral on December 11, 2000.



When we got to Lakewood it was dark. The van was ahead of me. I found our lot but the van kept on going. I tried to get there attention without luck. The road around the curve had not been finished. The one side was about 2-3 feet higher than the other side. They were on the higher side. Fortunately they stopped and I was walking towards then in the tracks they had made in the van. When they got out of the van they

were waist deep in the snow. We left the van there, got back in my car and headed out to Ferndale. Visibility was zero. I got out of the car and walked ahead to find the Burma road and Ferndale road. We were lucky to get rooms at Mom's in Ferndale. The next day wasn't any better.

We got to the site and had to back the van up, got it unloaded, but couldn't move in because the inspector hadn't been around to give us occupancy rights. John Keeso, loaned us his house for a few days until that was taken care of, and we were allowed to officially move in. We did some unpacking then off we went to Ohio for Christmas.

John came back in January 1997. I came permanently in January 1998. John passed away December 11, 2000 and I moved to the Hayes apartments in 2008. My niece and her husband, Heather and Bob Martini bought our house and I am welcome to go back and visit any time I want. John and I loved Lakewood but when I found myself alone, I wanted to be closer to town.

May you all enjoy Lakewood as much as we did.

Regards, Ann Thomas

Lakewood



A Country Home/Cottage Community offering a pristine wilderness setting, yet close to the vast amenities offered on the Bruce Peninsula.